Closure of Steel Industrial Units due to inadequate supply of steel in Gujarat

1781. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:
SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small, medium and large-scale steel industrial units are closed or are facing closure in various parts of Gujarat due to insufficient or short supply of various types of steel;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for short supply of steel;

(c) what is the quantity and value of various types of steel given to various units in Gujarat during 1983 to 1987;

(d) what is the demand and supply of steel in Gujarat during this period and at present;

(e) what provision has been made to supply steel, also stating the quantity thereof, to various units during 1988, 1989 and 1990; and

(f) what further steps are proposed to be taken to increase the supply of steel so as to save these units from closure in Gujarat and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Complete data on quantity and value of various types of steel given to various units in Gujarat is not available. However, category-wise details of supplies made by SAIL during the period 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and upto February, 1988 are given in the annexed. Statement (*See* below).

(d) The demand for steel is not assessed State-wise. Also information pertaining to total supplies of steel to Gujarat is not available. However, information is available on the demand projected by the Gujarat Small Industries Corporation (GSIC) and supplies made to them. This is as below:—

(*Quantity : in '000 tonnes*)

Year	Demand	Allocation*	Supplies	Cancellations by GSIC
1983-84	241.2	48.4	13.5	6.3
1984-85	300.0	53.0	14.5	14.1
1985-86	331.9	57.8	13.9	27.5
1986-87	166.0	24.9	15 0	4.1
1987-88	165.3	30.0	10.4	7.9
			(April-December, 1987)	

*Allocations to Small Scale Industries Corporation of States are made by the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel based on the demands projected by the Corporations, their past performance in terms of offtake against offers made and the indigenous availability.

(e) and (f) The requirement of steel for the units for 1988, 1989 and 1990 is assessed on a yearly basis. It will be met to the maximum extent possible from indigenous production. Where this is not possible, imports will be allowed, bearing in mind the availability of foreign exchange for this purpose.

Statement

(*Quantity : in '000 tonnes*)

Sl. No.	Category	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (Upto Feb., 1988)
A.	*Pig iron*	*125 98*	*187.1*	*148 3*	*159 8*	*115 8*
B.	*STEEL*					
1.	Semis	97.4	35.8	55 8	32 8	33 3
2.	Bars & Rods . . .	20.5	18.5	30.6	23 4	22 9
3	Structurals	26 1	27.2	57.1	22 3	18.7
4.	Plates	29 4	37.6	47.2	62.5	44.3
5.	HR Sheets/Coils/Skelp .	86.7	61 8	55 5	68.1	69 4
6.	CR Sheets/Coils .	26.6	16.2	15 8	18 8	26 9
7.	GP/GC Sheets . . .	6.0	5.6	6 1	4 6	4 9
8.	Others	14.5	13.9	18 4	18 2	36 0
	Total 'B'	307.2	216 6	28.65	250.7	256 4

(*Value : Rs. in crores*)

TOTAL VALUE OF A+B	173.13	196.58	204 30	219 70	260 26

Clearance to Babrala, Shahjahanpur and Swai Madhopur Fertilizer Plants

1782. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the planning and commissioning of three fertilizer plants at Babrala, Shahjahanpur and Swai Madhopur has been approved by Government;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when these plants are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) The setting up of the three fertilizer plants at Babrala, Shahjahanpur and Swai Madhopur along the Hazira-Bijaipur-jagdishpur pipeline was approved by Government and Letters of Intent issued to the respective promoters. Commissioning would depend upon the zero date of these projects. In the case of Sawai Madhopur project, the foreign collaboration agreement has been approved but environmental clearance has not been obtained. As regards the Bab-